

190th ANNUAL REPORT
1980-81

The Royal
School
for the Blind
Liverpool

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

Established 1791.

Incorporated 1829.

Patron:

Her Majesty the Queen

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Telephone: 051-733 4782

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Telephone: 051-733 1012

WAVERTREE SCHOOL

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT AND SECONDARY UNIT

Headmaster:

H. S. D. Marks, Esq.

Deputy Head:

Miss D. E. Wares

Hon. Physician and Surgeon:

Dr. G. S. Roberts

Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon:

Mr. D. M. J. Burns, F.R.C.S.

Hon. Chaplain:

Rev. R. Metcalf

Teaching Staff:

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Miss C. Wilkinson

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Miss L. E. Barnes

Miss H. G. Jones

Miss M. A. Craig

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1980 - 81

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Committee of Management have pleasure in presenting their 190th Annual Report.

WAVERTREE SCHOOL

With the Clifton House Secondary Unit fully established and having been in operation for over a year, the children of the Wavertree School were, for the first time in almost a decade, able to commence the Autumn Term of 1980 without any of the adjustment necessary in previous years. Projects were in some cases incomplete, but did not affect the smooth running of the class areas and were certainly on a very limited scale.

The Adventure Playground with its large perimeter roadway was an asset and the acquisition of a tandem meant that senior and junior children were, with the help of staff and volunteers, able to gain new experience at the same time as using surplus energies. The Wills Memorial Pavilion provided shelter and a useful quiet discussion area and the ball alleys and amusements pleased their regular users. The most popular item in the amusement area "The Rolling Barrel" was to have been duplicated by the purchase of a second similar model but its production had been discontinued.

The Swimming Pool was reopened after substantial improvement work had been carried out. It is a major asset for the children, some of whom are fully at ease and enjoy periods in the Pool.

The Royal Wedding was the occasion of a Disco and the children were each presented with a commemorative plate, a crown coin and a kind donor also provided each with a mug.

The Lady Mayoress visited the School to see the Annual Christmas Entertainment, and the remainder of the activities continued as usual including the Taxi Cabs and other outings, together with educational visits, mobility training sessions, and braille and music competitions.

Children who left during the year were as follows:—

David Allen — family move to Bristol.

Karen Sproston, Surya Begum Shaffi and Nicola Evans
left to attend Chorleywood School.

CLIFTON HOUSE

The Secondary Unit continued to grow and sixteen pupils attended during the year. Three full-time teachers catered for the normal syllabus but additional staff were involved in the teaching of music, typewriting and mobility. Some success was gained by those pupils studying the use of the "Optacon" and the "Closed Circuit Televisions" helped those less severely visually impaired. More of these very sophisticated items of equipment are now becoming available. Visits to Speke Hall, the Maritime Museum and other places of historic interest were made during the year. An arduous trip was undertaken by eight of the pupils to the Arndale Training Centre in the Lake District. Those attending were able to experience orienteering, fell walking and other open country activities in a very demanding sphere.

Children who left during the year were as follows:—

Yakub Seedat — family move to Leicester.

Tina Elliott — returned to family.

Suzanne Smith — to Rainhill High School.

Ian Moore — to Meadowside Physically Handicapped
School.

WAVERTREE SCHOOL & CLIFTON HOUSE — DEVELOPMENT

The completion of ramps to entrances of the School and installation of special washroom facilities has opened the School to the disabled person, who can also visit the grounds with quite easy access. In providing the facilities,

consideration was also given to the visual handicap and a variety of textures and materials identify the location of the entrances.

The Swimming Pool was returned to use after some considerable floor tiling, lighting repairs and redecoration. The pool is in future to be made available for the Summer/Autumn Terms of each year.

Installation of intruder alarms, improvements of smoke detectors and the continuation of landscaping the grounds and the adventure playground also took place in the year.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PEOPLE

The designation of 1981 as the International Year of Disabled People has increased the contacts made by the School both with the population resident in the area of the School and with other Societies involved in the care of the disabled. Visits to the School and informative talks to outside groups have been a frequent occurrence and it is hoped that the new links forged will carry on far beyond the end of the year. The School was privileged to send a party of ten adults to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 23rd July 1981 commemorating the year.

PROSPECTUS

A booklet has now been produced in the form of a Prospectus describing the education and training available at Wavertree School and Clifton House. Copies can be made available to anyone interested.

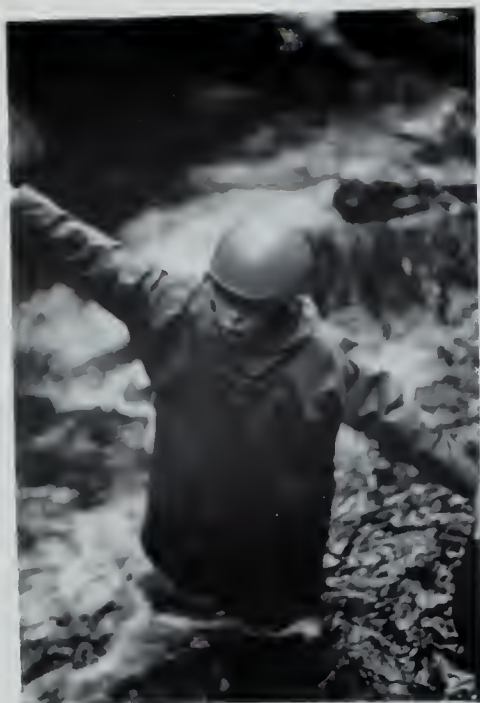
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1981 have been printed separately, and can be obtained from the Administrative Office.





TAXI DRIVERS' OUTING — June 1981



LAKE DISTRICT EXPEDITION 1955





LAKE DISTRICT EXPEDITION 1981



MEMBERSHIP

By the Act of Incorporation, any person donating a sum of £10 at any one time or subscribing £1·05 or more per year to the Charity, becomes a Member.

New Members during the year are listed below:—

Formby Conservative Club.
East Sutton Labour Club, St. Helens.
Wilson, de Zouche & Mackenzie,
Chartered Accountants, Liverpool 2.
Liverpool Cricket Club, Aigburth, Liverpool 19.
Runcorn A.F.C. (Linnets) Social Club
Plessington High School, Birkenhead.
Queens Arms Hotel, Liverpool 13.
The Everite Welfare & Recreation Club, Bold.
Rockware Recreation & Social Club, St. Helens.
Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Watkins, Liverpool 18.
Mr. & Mrs. M. O. Roberts, Liverpool 18.
Huyton Townswomen's Guild.
Reuben Barton Ltd., Horwich.
Miss W. I. Shimmin, Liverpool 17.
H. Morland, Liverpool 23.
Royal Naval Association, Ellesmere Port.
Merseyside Tunnel Police, Birkenhead.
John West Foods Ltd., Liverpool 69.
All Hallows Church, Liverpool 18.
Willis Faber (North West) Ltd., Liverpool 2.
F. Hope, Formby.
Mrs. Geddes, Liverpool 7.



CLIFTON HOUSE SECONDARY UNIT

LEGACIES

The following Legacies received during the year are gratefully acknowledged:-

The late	£	p
Mrs. Julia Williams per Messrs. Ayrton & Alderson Smith, Solicitors, Liverpool 2	591	79
Mrs. Sarah E. Price per Messrs. Gough Thomas & Scott, Solicitors, Ellesmere	25	00
Mrs. Elizabeth Pope per Barclays Bank Trust Co. Ltd., Liverpool 2	4,700	00
Mrs. E. E. Powell per Messrs. Clarkson Whittaker & Shellcross, Solicitors, Morecambe & Heysham	1,300	00
Emily Constantine per Messrs. J. P. Edwards Taylor, Solicitors, Liverpool 13	50	00
Mrs. Margaret L. M. Johnson per Messrs. T. D. Morgan Norman & Co., Solicitors, Liverpool 2	1,708	09
Captain A. Blacklock per Midland Bank Trust Co., Liverpool 2	118	05

FORM OF BEQUEST

The following Form of Bequest is recommended to those
who may wish to assist the School by way of Legacies

I GIVE and bequeath to THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL,
Administrative Office, 549 Smithdown Road, Liverpool L15 5AF,

the sum of
absolutely and free of duty for the general purposes of the said School AND
SO THAT the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper Officer of the said
School for the time being shall be a good discharge of such legacy to my
Trustees and so that my Trustees shall not be responsible to see to the
application thereof.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

1791 The Liverpool School for the Indigent Blind was opened in Commutation Row. This was the first School for the Blind to be established in the British Isles and second only to Paris in the world.

The School was founded by Edward Rushton, who was blinded at sea when 19 years of age and became a bookseller in Paradise Street, Liverpool. He received considerable help from his friend J. Christie, a blind musician who became one of the first teachers in the Institution.

The Reverend Henry Dannett, The Vicar of St. John's, Liverpool, hearing of the scheme from Edward Rushton, became co-founder and played a large part in obtaining the support of the inhabitants of Liverpool and the North West to the venture.



The Seal of the School for Indigent Blind

He managed the Institution until 1793, when the management was taken over by a Committee drawn from the Members of the Charity.

- 1800 The School moved to a newly constructed building in Duncan Street, Liverpool, which provided residential accommodation.
- 1806 His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, visited the School and became its Patron.
This Royal Patronage has extended up to the present day.
- 1819 The Chapel of the School for the Blind was built adjoining the School, and was famous for the quality of its music and services.
- 1829 An Act of Incorporation was passed in Parliament, which regulated the government of the School and the Chapel.
- 1851 The School moved to new premises in Hardman Street, and the Chapel was taken down and re-erected alongside the School.
- 1898 The Wavertree School for Blind Children was built for the education of school age children. Hardman Street School remained as a technical and training centre for the adult blind. At the time of the erection of Wavertree School, a donation of £10,000 was made, approximately one third of the cost. The donor was Miss Mary Hornby of Walton, whose generosity to Wavertree School during its early years was extensive.
- 1928 The Chapel for the Blind was closed and services discontinued. The site on which the Chapel had stood was later used for an extension of the Hardman Street School and provided for the erection of sales departments, workshops, and domestic science training areas.

- 1945 Under the Education Act, 1944, the Wavertree School became the Junior School for the North West. Secondary School age children were transferred to Henshaw's, Manchester. Hardman Street became the Technical School in the North West for blind adolescent students.
- 1957 Due to changing social conditions and the availability of open industry to blind trainees, the Technical School at Hardman Street closed.
During 1972 the Bronze Doors, which were an important feature of the Hardman Street School, were removed and sited at Wavertree.
- 1966 By the Liverpool Corporation (General Powers Act) 1966, the institution was renamed The School for the Blind, Liverpool. In July of the same year, Her Majesty the Queen graciously commanded that the title should become The Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool.
- 1968 The Abbeyholme Preparatory School adjacent to Wavertree School closed and was purchased by the Trustees. It unfortunately required demolition but became the site of the School's adventure playground and mobility area.
- 1973 An adjoining property, Clifton House, was purchased and converted.
- 1974/76 A large scheme of improvement comprising classrooms, subject teaching areas and living quarters, was completed.
- 1978 Approval was given to providing a Secondary Age Unit for children with additional handicaps.

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

Recognised by the Department of Education & Science

Registered in accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948 and the Charities Act, 1960

INFORMATION FOR DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS

The Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool, being a Charity, is not liable to Income Tax, but generally all subscribers have to pay tax on the income out of which payment is made for subscriptions. The School is allowed under the Income Tax Acts to recover any tax paid by the Subscriber in relation to a subscription, but only if a deed of covenant for at least four years has been signed. Thus £1 per annum for seven years becomes £10·01 after recovery of the tax and £5 per year would become £50·05 at the standard rate of tax.

Copies of covenant, donation and bankers order forms are enclosed with this report, or can be obtained.

OLD PUPILS FUND

This fund enables the Committee to keep in touch with all pupils who, after training, may require advice or financial help.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

Are received by the Treasurer, Midland Bank Ltd., 32 Rodney Street, Liverpool, the Liverpool Council of Social Service, 14 Castle Street, Liverpool, and the Secretary/Bursar.

ACCOUNTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Can be obtained from:—

Secretary/Bursar,
Administrative Office,
Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool,
549 Smithdown Road, Liverpool L15 5AF.

The Royal School for the Blind Liverpool

Accounts

For the Year ended 31st March, 1981

Administrative Offices :
549 Smithdown Road
Liverpool L15 5AF
051 - 733 4782

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1981

	1981		1980	
GENERAL FUND ASSETS (Note 1)	£	£	£	£
Investments (Note 2)		213,714		217,143
Debtors		17,612		24,622
Cash and bank balances		30,777		13,536
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		262,103		255,301
Less: Creditors and provisions		16,383		24,069
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		245,720		231,232
 ENDOWMENT FUND ASSETS				
Investments (Note 2)	4,230		3,893	
Due by General Fund	—		334	
	<hr/>	4,230	<hr/>	4,227
 OLD PUPILS' FUND ASSETS				
Investments (Note 2)	3,450		2,292	
Due by General Fund	223		1,150	
Bank balance	165		132	
	<hr/>	3,838	<hr/>	3,574
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		£253,788		£239,033
 Financed by:				
GENERAL FUND (Note 3)		229,940		201,742
REVENUE ACCOUNT (Note 4)		10,372		24,498
BUILDING REPAIRS AND MODERNISATION RESERVE (Note 5)		5,408		4,992
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		245,720		231,232
 ENDOWMENT FUND (Note 6)		4,230		4,227
 OLD PUPILS' FUND (Note 7)		3,838		3,574
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		£253,788		£239,033
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President: J. C. SMYTH
Treasurer: J. CREWE
Secretary & Bursar: T. C. MILBURN

GENERAL CHARITY FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1981

INCOME	1981		1980	
	£	£	£	£
Annual subscriptions		179		112
Donations		6,165		4,615
Legacies		8,493		9,470
Proportion of local collection of the Royal National Institute for the Blind		3,465		2,171
Income from investments, gross —				
General Fund		27,524		23,544
Endowment Fund		450		438
Bank interest		466		969
Other Interest		100		—
		<u>46,842</u>		<u>41,319</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Educational equipment	3,884		6,125	
Management expenses	20		46	
Pensions	784		640	
Gifts to pupils	404		470	
Miscellaneous	281		260	
		<u>(5,373)</u>		<u>(7,541)</u>
Surplus transferred to General Fund (Note 3)		<u><u>£41,469</u></u>		<u><u>£33,778</u></u>

OLD PUPILS' FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1981

INCOME	1981	1980
	£	£
Investment Income	264	249
DEDUCT: EXPENDITURE		
Grants	—	(35)
Surplus transferred to Old Pupils' Fund (Note 7)	<u><u>£264</u></u>	<u><u>£214</u></u>

EDUCATION ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1981

	1981	1980
	£	£
INCOME		
Augmentation of blind employees' wages	3,230	2,394
Fees from local education authorities	266,749	218,951
Miscellaneous	8	8
	<u>269,987</u>	<u>221,353</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and Wages	210,211	168,689
Transfer to Buildings Repair and Modernisation Account	12,500	12,500
Running Costs — Buildings and Grounds	26,877	22,393
Supplies and Services	18,876	18,940
Transport and Travelling	4,069	3,926
Establishment Costs	11,451	9,236
Other Expenses	129	136
	<u>284,113</u>	<u>235,820</u>
 Deficit Transferred to Revenue Account (Note 4)	 <u>(£14,126)</u>	 <u>(£14,467)</u>

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

STATEMENT OF SOURCE and APPLICATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1981

	1981		1980	
GENERAL FUND:	£	£	£	£
Source of Funds				
Deficit on Education Account		(14,126)		(14,467)
Surplus on General Charity Fund Account		41,469		33,778
		<u>27,343</u>		<u>19,311</u>
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds: Decrease in balance of Building repairs and modernisation reserve		416		(1,904)
Total Generated from Operations		<u>27,759</u>		<u>17,407</u>
Sale of investments	—		42,897	
Purchase of investments	(27,832)		(85,185)	
Capital expenditure	(13,271)		(11,768)	
		<u>(41,103)</u>		<u>(54,056)</u>
		<u>(13,344)</u>		<u>(36,649)</u>
CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL AND LIQUID FUNDS:—				
Increase in short-term deposit	(31,261)		5,439	
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	(7,010)		(21,236)	
Increase in creditors	7,686		(8,920)	
	<u>(30,585)</u>		<u>(24,717)</u>	
Movement in net liquid funds: Decrease in bank balances	17,241		(11,932)	
	<u>17,241</u>	<u>(13,344)</u>		<u>(36,649)</u>
OLD PUPILS' FUND:				
Surplus for the year		<u>264</u>		<u>214</u>
CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL:				
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	(927)		214	
Increase in bank balances	33		—	
Increase in investments	1,158		—	
	<u>1,158</u>	<u>264</u>		<u>214</u>

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. GENERAL FUND ASSETS

The School also owns the following fixed assets:—

(a) Freehold Properties:—

Land and Buildings at Church Road North, Prince Alfred Road and Smithdown Road, Wavertree.

(b) Furniture and Furnishings, Kitchen Equipment, Linen, Glass, China and Cutlery at the above properties.

(c) One Ford Transit 12-seater Bus, and two Ford Escort Estate Cars, which were gifts to the School. During the year one Ford Escort Estate Car was purchased by the School with assistance from Merseyside Health Council.

The expenditure incurred on items (a) and (b) since 1945 amounts to approximately £480,254, of which £4,000 was contributed by specific donations and £165,631 by grants from the Department of Education and Science. The balance of the cost has been written off when incurred against the General Fund, and accordingly no depreciation is charged to Income and Expenditure Account. Expenditure prior to 1945 is not now ascertainable.

No current value of the foregoing assets can be ascertained without obtaining a professional valuation. The Committee of Management are of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served by such valuation and that its cost would be an unjustified expense.

2. INVESTMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Narrower range:

		Market value at 31st March, 1970 or subsequent cost or valuation
£8,800.00	12% Treasury Stock 1983	£ 7,962
£20,900.00	13½% Exchequer Stock 1983	20,050
£20,070.00	15% Treasury Stock 1985	20,000
£101.32	3½% War Stock	29
£30,000.00	12% Treasury Stock 1987	27,832

75,873

Wider range:

46,372 units	Equities Investment Fund for Charities	50,464
Temporary Deposits —	Midland Bank Ltd.	26,246

76,710

Special range:

54,603.60 units	Charities Official Investment Fund	61,131
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Total General Fund £213,714

(Market value at 31.3.81 — £267,016)

ENDOWMENT FUND

Special range:

3,970.46 units	Charities Official Investment Fund	£4,230
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(Market value at 31.3.81 — £6,096)

OLD PUPILS' FUND

Wider range:

£1,164.00 Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Perp. 4% Debenture Stock 489

Special range:

2,483.69 units Charities Official Investment Fund 2,961

(Market value at 31.3.81 — £4,168)

£3,450

3. GENERAL FUND

	1981	1980
	£	£
Surplus Account —		
Balance at 1st April, 1980	201,742	179,732
Add: Surplus transferred from		
General Charity Fund Account	41,469	33,778
	<u>243,211</u>	<u>213,510</u>
Less: Improvements to property	(12,545)	(11,768)
Cost of new vehicle	(726)	—
	<u>£229,940</u>	<u>£201,742</u>

4. REVENUE ACCOUNT

Balance at 1st April, 1980	24,498	38,965
Deficit transferred from Education Account	(14,126)	(14,467)
	<u>£10,372</u>	<u>£24,498</u>

5. BUILDING REPAIRS AND MODERNISATION RESERVE

Balance at 1st April, 1980	4,992	6,896
Transfer from Education Account (page 3)	12,500	12,500
	<u>17,492</u>	<u>19,396</u>
Deduct: Expenditure in the year —		
Repairs and maintenance of buildings	9,190	10,874
Maintenance of grounds	2,894	3,530
	<u>12,084</u>	<u>14,404</u>
Balance at 31st March, 1981	<u>£5,408</u>	<u>£4,992</u>

The governors have decided that, in order to equalise the annual charge for repairs and modernisation, a reserve for this purpose should be created by annual transfers from Education Account, and that all repairs and modernisation expenditure should be charged against this reserve.

6. ENDOWMENT FUND

	1981	1980
	£	£
The Cort Fund	1,438	1,437
Roger Lyon Jones Trust Fund	720	719
Sir Henry Lucy Fund	719	719
David Malcolmson Fund	719	719
Edward Wadworth Fund	634	633
	<u>£4,230</u>	<u>£4,227</u>

7. OLD PUPILS' FUND	1981	1980
Surplus Account —	£	£
Balance at 1st April, 1980	3,574	3,360
Add : surplus transferred from the Old Pupils' Fund Account	264	214
Balance at 31st March, 1981	<u>£3,838</u>	<u>£3,574</u>

8. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Capital expenditure, authorised by the committee and contracted for at 31st March 1981 but not provided for in these accounts, amounted to:

1981	1980
£	£
823	2,690
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. LIVERPOOL LADIES' ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE AND TRAINING OF GIRLS

Transactions relating to this Charity, of which the committee have been appointed trustees, are not included in the accounts.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL:

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 7 in accordance with approved auditing standards.

In our opinion, these financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool, at 31st March, 1981 and of its results and source and application of funds for the year ended on that date.

LIVERPOOL
13th August, 1981

CHALMERS, IMPEY & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

